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## **High Performance Sustainable School Buildings Workshop scheduled for March 2012**

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Feb. 8, 2012)** – The ninth-annual High Performance Sustainable School Buildings Workshop will be held March 14-15 at the Galt House in Louisville. The event is for school administrators, architects and engineers planning to build a new school or renovate an existing facility. The workshop will identify high performance/sustainability concepts and how these building designs can enhance the teaching and learning environment, and support energy efficient building operations.

The High Performance Sustainable Schools Workshop addresses one of the strategies in Gov. Steve Beshear's seven-point energy plan, "*Intelligent Energy Choices for Kentucky's Future*" to offset Kentucky's projected 2025 energy demand by 18 percent, in part, by providing an energy efficiency awareness and education program for school decision makers planning on building a new school or renovating an existing facility.

### **Featured Site Visits**

The 2012 workshop will feature two high performance visits:

- Brooks Elementary, Bullitt County – A model sustainable school built and operating below the average school cost in Kentucky. Among the high performance building features is a rain garden that reduces storm water runoff and serves as an outdoor learning area for students.
- Cane Run Elementary, Jefferson County – A high performance renovation of a 40-year-old building completed in two months. After the renovation, energy consumption dropped by approximately 60 percent.

### **Continuing education**

Attendees will be eligible for education credit from the following organizations:

- Kentucky Department of Education – a certificate of attendance will be granted for 6 hours on March 14 (EILA# 12 EIL 1023) and 5 hours on March 15 (EILA# 12 1-24).
- Kentucky School Boards Association – Attendance can be locally approved for school board training credit.
- The American Institute of Architects – AIA members will earn 6 CEU hours in the Health, Safety and Welfare and Sustainable Design category on March 14 and 5 hours on March 15.

The workshop agenda and registration information are available at  
[www.regonline.com/hpsb2012](http://www.regonline.com/hpsb2012).

The High Performance Schools workshop is hosted by the Kentucky Department for Energy Development and Independence and the Kentucky affiliate of the National Energy Education Development Project.

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